

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a vending machine capable of smoothly selling articles, each of which is enclosed in a case, such as a box-shaped case, that won't freely rotate. The article stockers 27-33 each include a plurality of article receiving paths 73a-73d in which a plurality of articles are received and vertically stacked one upon another. The article receiving paths 73a-73d are arranged around the vertically extending center line 77. The article moving mechanisms 63-69 each include a rotating shaft 61a-61d having an axis which coincides with the center line 77 of the associated article stocker. The rotating shaft is rotated by a drive force of a motor to rotate the article stocker. The article moving mechanisms, while turning their rotating shafts 61a-61d, move an article to the article guide path 71 from one article receiving path sequentially selected from the plurality of article receiving paths 73a-73d.